

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 8299
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Serial No.: 09/921,851) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: August 3, 2001) Examiner: Bruce Snow
For: METHOD FOR FORMING A)
SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)
CONFIGURATION	j

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AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.